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URGENT ACTION

December 14, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: Helmut Sonnenfeldt

SUBJECT: SALT Guidance Required Before Recess

There are several outstanding problems on which we need guidance by Saturday, at the latest.

1. Recess Date

The two delegations in Geneva have agreed to recess on Thursday, December 21, and to issue a bland, non-substantive communique.

Approve December 21 recess date ✓

Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Resumption

The delegations have agreed to resume on February 27. This appears about right, especially in view of the minimal results of this round.

Approve resumption on February 27 ✓

Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Work Program

As expected, in light of basically different approaches in this round, the work program is so general as to be almost meaningless, but it does permit us a free hand. It does include as a specific item, however, exercising "restraint." As you know, the Soviets have been talking about B-1 and Trident. We would have to defend this nomenclature (to the Congress) as bearing on the new SS-9.

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Approve work program including item on restraint \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

4. Standing Consultative Commission

The negotiations in Geneva led to ad referendum agreements on two documents (1) a memorandum of understanding between the two governments establishing the Commission, and (2) a number of regulations governing its work; the regulations are not all inclusive and there will have to be further negotiations.

The two documents are a package according to the Soviets. While the memorandum of understanding is acceptable to all in Washington, the regulations are causing some problems which may take time to iron out.

Semenov now says that he is authorized to sign the memorandum of understanding in Geneva on the last day of the session, December 21, and Smith needs approval.

Approve signing of memo establishing SCC ✓

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: We already included this recommendation in a memo from you to the President, giving Smith's backchannel report on the talks. In light of the general international situation, we should probably not stonewall on the SCC.)

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TO: THE WHITE HOUSE: EYES ONLY FOR DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

DEAR HENRY,

SEMENOV TOLD ME TONIGHT HE NOW HAD AUTHORITY TO  
SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RE SCC. I HOPE YOU  
CAN MOVE THINGS IN WASHINGTON QUICKLY TO PUT  
ME IN THE SAME POSITION.

WARM REGARDS.  
GERRY SMITH

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